

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY ON RUMANIAN BATTLEFIELDS

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC ISSUE HAS GONE INTO THE DISCARD

Public Not Taking the Slightest Interest in the Attempt To Prove That the State Government Has Been Extravagant

CORNWELL AS A POLITICAL FLOPPER

Visitors To Washington Recall How He Deserted the Boss Who Discovered and Made Him For the One He Now Acknowledges

(BY CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.—No visiting politicians from the fresh fields of the West Virginia uplands lack an inquiring and interested audience when they arrive here. The members of the West Virginia colony lose no time in looking the newcomers up at their hotels for the purpose of getting firsthand news of the political situation back in their home State. There has been no lack of it this week, for arrivals from West Virginia have been many.

Reports brought to town confirm the wisdom of the prophesies contained in this correspondence recently that the campaign in West Virginia would soon settle upon one contest as the most important, the same thing being the fight over the governorship. It was predicted that the Democratic charge of "extravagance" didn't contain enough of the substance of truth to hold out very long as a paramount issue. Likewise, it was foretold, it must fail, because it could not stand alone without the help of a twin charge of "inefficiency" against the party in power at Charleston, and the Democrats haven't alleged that, whatever else may be charged, it is certain in the public mind that the Charleston government has been anything else except inefficient. One of the reasons why certain men and interests, who are used to special favors at the hands of the authorities, are presumably aligned with the Watson-Cornwell propaganda and organization is because the State administration, to their mind, has been too perniciouly efficient and industrious wherein they are directly concerned.

Extravagance as an issue goes by the board, according to the reports received here because there hasn't been any extravagance worth the voters getting unduly excited over.

"Watch your tax ticket," which as early as two years ago was hit upon by some Democratic leaders as certain to put the Republicans on the run, is not setting the woods afire in West Virginia, if the opinions of some of the visitors are to be accepted as good. It is explained that the necessities for the amount of State tax levied are too well known by the taxpayers to excite their opposition.

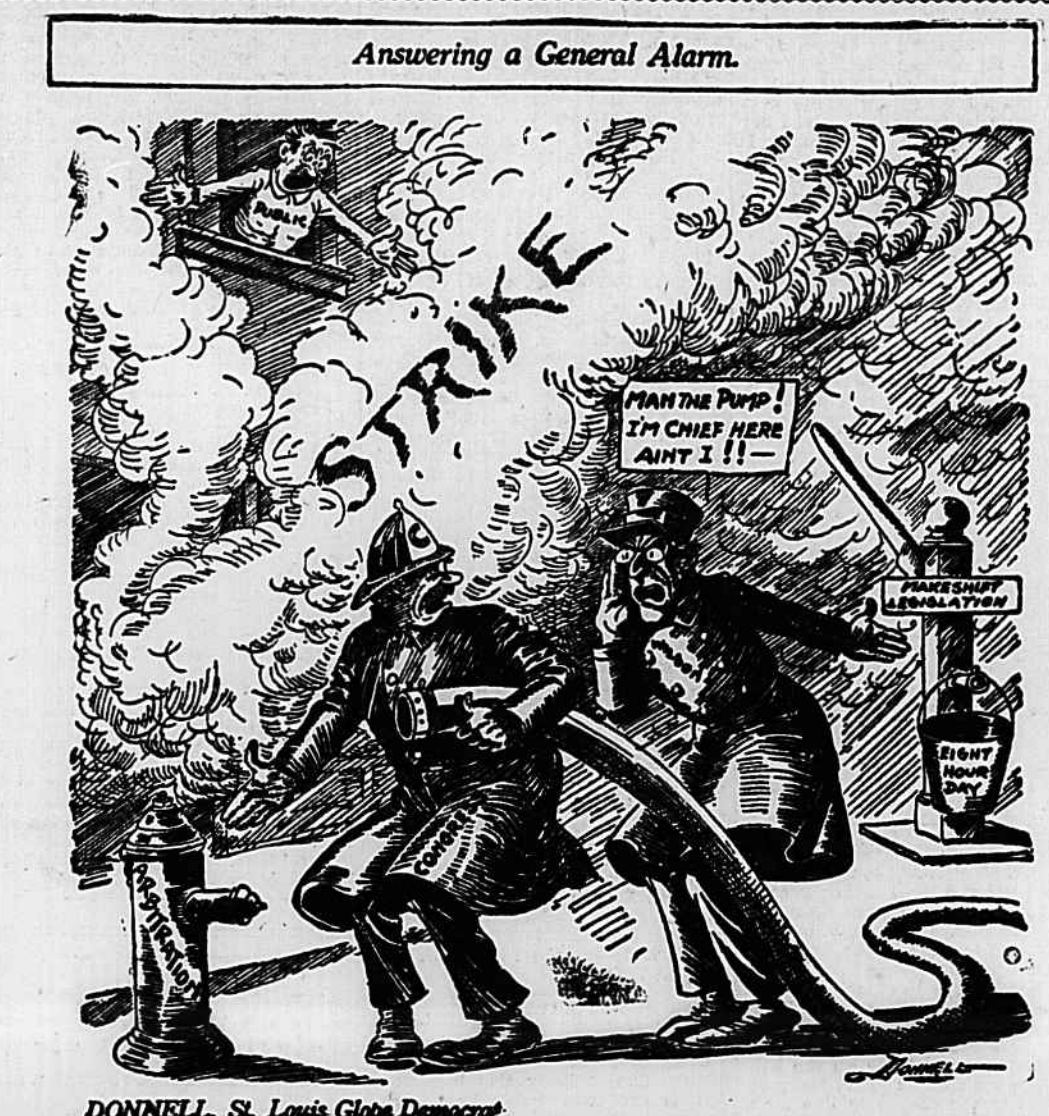
The great cost of the long-drawn-out Cab-in-Creek coal strike and the decrease in revenues occasioned by the State passing over into the Prohibition column, are items which the public has not lost consideration of. Besides, the direct state tax doesn't amount to more than a trifle anyway. It isn't a drop in the bucket to the average taxpayer. If he has any complaint at all it is on his local taxes.

That this issue—"watch your tax ticket"—so similar in nomenclature to that policy which has become famous under the designation of "watchful waiting" has failed to revolutionize public sentiment in West Virginia in favor of the Democratic party, is frankly confessed by its authors a sore disappointment to them. They had counted much on it. They had spent much money in sending men to county court houses to go over the books and evolve statistical tables pregnant with comparisons favorable to the minority party, and the loss in itself is not an inconsiderable one. But the fact that as an issue "it isn't catching on," constitutes the failure which is the heaviest blow.

As forecasted in this correspondence ten days ago the effort of the Democratic managers to breathe the breath of life into the issue of "hatfieldism" when Judge Robinson's nomination left it a stale and unprofitable corpse on the field of conflict, visitors from the state say, hasn't met with success. As "issue" of this kind go, they say that the voters have already shown a far greater interest in "Watsonism" than in the other. It is reported that Judge Robinson's ready reply to a Democratic newspaper's inquiry: "What is Watsonism?" brought to the attention of the people of the State, with a suddenness that was startling, the intimate corporate, political and business associations existing between National Committee-man Clarence W. Watson and John J. Cornwell. They showed an immediate interest in the newly-raised issue and clamored for more.

That this very question would force to the front and result in the public brushing aside as trivial and irrelevant the issues which Mr. Cornwell had evidently planned to wage his campaign on—"extravagance," "watch your tax ticket," "hatfieldism," etc.—was foretold in this correspondence, and that they would succumb because the public would show a greater interest in the associations and the plans of Messrs. Watson and Cornwell was predicted. That has happened and reports brought from the State say, and it has come about at a very early stage in the contest.

Politicians here are remarking the



RALLY DAY SUNDAY IN CITY CHURCHES

Ministerial Asso. Begins Fall Campaign With Special Services

Rally Day will be observed in all the city churches tomorrow beginning with the Sabbath school services and extending throughout the entire day. Each individual church has made special plans for the last two weeks to have a large turnout of people to all the church services and it is expected that hundreds of people who have been taking vacations, etc., during the summer will be out tomorrow for at least a part of the services. Special services have been arranged for each service and surprises are in store at many of the churches tomorrow.

The Ministerial association at a meeting held recently set Sunday, September 25, as the date for the Rally Day observance and since that time plans have been made to make it the biggest and best rally day in the history of the local churches. Church going persons generally are urged to attend the services at their own churches tomorrow and help to start the fall and winter campaign in the churches.

J. Finley Wilson Made Two Speeches At Park

THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION YESTERDAY WAS WELL ATTENDED.

The colored people of Fairmont and adjoining towns held their annual Emancipation celebration at Traction Park yesterday, and while the weather conditions were altogether against the turnout of the people, there was a surprisingly large attendance. Those who braved the elements and attended the exercises were amply repaid by two of the most able and eloquent addresses by J. Finley Wilson, editor of the Washington Eagle, ever heard here by the colored people of this vicinity.

Rev. J. B. Robinson was present and opened the exercises by prayer. The program was carried out as planned, under the direction of Fred Meade and his most efficient committee.

It is the intention of the enthusiastic audience which heard Mr. Wilson's able address to have him return to Marion county at an early date for a campaign speech.

COL. JADWIN IS ON HIS WAY HERE

Steamer Ruth Detained In Ohio By Low Water

Colonel Edgar Jadwin, of the U. S. Engineers, Pittsburgh, and the U. S. Survey boat Kittanning, had not arrived in Fairmont at a late hour this evening but is expected either tonight or sometime Monday. On this trip he is inspecting the condition of the locks along the Monongahela between here and Pittsburgh and stops for considerable time at each lock. Should some unexpected contingency arise the boat may not arrive until late next week.

Chairman Earl Smith, of the River Traffic committee, has completed all arrangements for the proper reception of Colonel Jadwin when he arrives and he will be met by the members of this committee.

The committee is still busy on the revival of traffic problem and have received advices from the Ohio and Kanawha Packet company stating that the steamer Ruth which was expected here this week was caught by the low water while on the Parkersburg trip and is now due in Pittsburgh Monday. The Ruth will then clear for Fairmont if sufficient freight can be found.

ASK FOR COMPENSATION.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 23.—Although L. T. Sterling of Pierce, died presumably from the effects of being struck in the head with a lead pipe by a fellow worker, his beneficiaries have made application for compensation from the Workmen's Compensation Department. While no action has been taken on the claim, it is said by Commissioner Ott that he does not believe it comes under the head of just claims.

CITY INSTITUTE SESSIONS CLOSE

Three Day Meeting Is Success—Ready For Opening Monday

The three day institute of the Fairmont city teachers which had been conducted at the High school building was brought to a successful close this morning with two conferences of grade teachers held in the High school building.

The teachers of grades 1 to 4 listened to excellent talks by Miss Anna M. Boydston, supervisor of the primary grades of the Morgantown schools who discussed the subject "How a Teacher May Know When She Teaches Well." The upper grade teachers met with Prof. Walter Barnes of the State Normal school, and listened to splendid talks on various phases of the teaching of English.

Following the conferences of the morning a general teachers' meeting was held in the High school, attended by all the teachers of the High and city schools. Superintendent Otis G. Wilson addressed the teachers on the subject, "Factors in Efficiency." All is in readiness for the opening of the high and graded schools on Monday and an unusually large enrollment is expected.

GENERAL STRIKE IS CALLED IN NEW YORK

Three-Quarters of a Million Will Quit If It Is Obeyed

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Trades unions in this city and Westchester county today began to vote on the question of ratifying the action of 80 delegates who yesterday called for a "general cessation of work next Wednesday morning."

The labor leaders appealed to all union wage earners to stay at home until the traction companies make it possible for them to ride in the street cars without offense to their union allegiance. It is asserted that no such action heretofore has been taken by the trades union of this country nor has a strike involving so many trades ever been called. Its maximum effect would call from work 75,000 men and women.

Leaders of the movement refrained from calling it a sympathetic strike. They declare that many of the union already have voted to ratify their recommendations and that any union men who do not quit work Wednesday will be denounced as a traitor.

To what extent they expect union labor to respond to the call was not disclosed. "How can I tell?" It is up to the union" said Hugh Frayne, general organizer of American federation of labor for New York state. It is pointed out that Wednesday is the beginning of an important Jewish holiday when many workers ordinarily would stay at home.

Stevenson One of the Men Who Made Huntington

The Huntington Herald Dispatch of last evening contained the following editorial:

The news from Fairmont might be worse. Huntington will have no objection to Mr. John B. Stevenson's becoming interested in a Fairmont business enterprise, but if Fairmont undertakes to claim Mr. Stevenson's citizenship, Huntington will offer prompt and strenuous objections, and will resort to all the known expedients in an effort to prevent it. Mr. Stevenson is one of the men that has helped to make Huntington. He is so much that kind of a man that we doubt if he could be induced to live anywhere else.

STEEL STOCK MAKES NEW HIGH RECORD

Today's Most Remarkable Short Session In Stock Exchange History

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—For a week-end market today's two hour session of the stock exchange was probably without parallel. Trading in the first hour amounted to more than a half million shares with no diminution of activity with the approach of the close.

There were numerous spectacular features but all were eclipsed by the further meteoric rise in United States steel which touched 117 1/2, a new record, shortly after eleven o'clock.

Anna May Haggerty Buried At Holy Cross

The body of Anna May Haggerty, the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haggerty, whose death occurred on Thursday at the home of her parents at Mountville, arrived here today on the 11:01 train accompanied by the parents and other relatives and was taken to Holy Cross cemetery where interment was made by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

Approximately two hundred relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty assembled at the station and accompanied the funeral party to the cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty were former residents of Farmington.

ACTION EXPECTED AT TEMPLE MEETING

Committees Will Report On Progress Made In Bootlegger Problem

The second of the meetings to stamp out the violations of the Yost law in this city is to be held tomorrow in the M. P. Temple and an even larger crowd than attended the first meeting last Sunday is expected to attend.

All of the committees which were appointed at the first meeting to investigate are ready to make their reports and the leaders of the movement are planning to take some definite action in the matter tomorrow.

During the past week there has been but little abatement in the liquor traffic condition say those who are leaders in this movement and so far the meeting of last Sunday has had no immediate effect. Mayor Bowen and the police have made some added effort to arrest drunks found on the streets and the police court record contains an unusual number of drunk and disorderly cases this week.

Window Glass Makers Apply For a Charter

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23.—Wm. G. Kirchenbower, president and other officers of the Window Glass Cutters and Flatters association of America, today applied for a charter in the county court in order that the association may have legal standing.

The association is the union of workmen in the machine window glass factories of the country. In addition to asking the benefits and privileges of the charter law the incorporators declare that the object of the union is to "maintain a regular apprentice system and a higher standard of skill to assist the members to secure employment to reduce hours of labor and to secure adequate pay for our work."

WANTED

Laborers, new Normal School grounds, Locust Ave. 25c per hour.

MAKENSEN IS IN FULL RETREAT ONE REPORT DECLARES

Bulgarian Official Statement, On the Other Hand Reports Victory

ALSO IN MACEDONIA

First Report Says Russians Are In the Fortress At Silestria

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Sept. 23.—The retreat of the German army of Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Rumanian province of Dobruja continues, according to a telegram received by the Wireless press today from Switzerland.

The Danube fortress of Silestria recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians is said to have been abandoned to Russian and Rumanian forces.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—Troops of the Central Powers have defeated an Entente force comprising more than 30 battalions on the Dobruja front, the Bulgarian war office said in its report of September 22.

The hostile attack was beaten off and the forces engaged in it routed by a counter attack and pursued by cavalry, says the statement.

Bulgarian successes on the Macedonian front on the extreme western end of the line and east of the Vardar are announced in the official statement today.

Trenches between Florina and Lake Presta were captured while in the Vardar region an attack by Entente troops preceded by artillery preparation was repulsed.

BRITISH TAKE TRENCH.
LONDON, Sept. 23.—German trenches on a front of about half a mile east of Courcellette in the Somme region, were captured by the British last night, the war office said today.

GERMANS USE GAS.
PETROGRAD, Sept. 23.—German troops in the region of Lake Narva on the northern end of Russian line, launched a gas attack lasting two hours yesterday and in the intervals between the gas waves dense columns of Teuton troops advanced against the Russian positions, says the Russian official statement issued today. The attacking forces, the statement adds, were driven back each time.

GERMAN AERODROMES BOMBED.
LONDON, Sept. 23.—British naval aeroplanes have successfully bombed the German aerodromes at several points in Belgium, the admiralty said today. Especially notable results were secured by this and previous bombardments of the aerodrome at St. Dennis Westrem, says the announcement.

AIR RAID IN MANNHEIM.
PARIS, Sept. 23.—Flying nearly 100 miles beyond the German border Flight Warrant Officer Bason last night bombed the important works at Ludwigshafen in the Palatinat on the Rhine and at Mannheim across the river from Ludwigshafen. The official report of today says the bombardment caused a large fire and several explosions at Mannheim.

FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.
LONDON, Sept. 23.—"On the Struma front our patrols successfully raided the enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Komarjan, causing casualties," says the official report of today in regard to the Macedonian campaign. "Our naval aircraft bombarded an enemy transport near Drama apparently with good results. On the Dolan front we raided enemy trenches at three points."

NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS

According to an order duly passed by the Board of Health of the City of Fairmont all children before being admitted to school in the City of Fairmont must present to their teacher certificate showing that they have been examined by a physician.

This examination may be made by any physician. Your own family physician is best for this examination. The results of the examination must be recorded on a special blank which may be secured at the city building. The blanks will be ready Tuesday morning and the examinations may be made at any time during the week.

The object of this general examination is to give the school authorities and the Board of Health accurate knowledge of the physical condition of all the children so that during the entire year we guard against any epidemics. We are mobilizing the physical resources of the children against the inevitable attack of disease during the inclement months.

Special Notice
Physicians are urged to charge the lowest possible fee for this examination and thus co-operate in this move. Adv.